



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



DECEMBER 2015 – NO RITUAL

Hearthstone USUALLY meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon, in the upstairs chapel at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. Because the full moon falls on December 25th this month, we have chosen not to present a ritual. We will see you all on January 22, 2016.

GREETINGS

Happy Sun Return! Or as my Swedish relatives say: God Jul! (In this case "god" is pronounced "good" and "jul" is pronounced "yule") Nice the way that works out...

I've been puzzling on what to write for this month's column. Then Starhawk posted something on Facebook that said exactly what I wanted to say:

Winter Solstice--and a blessed rainstorm! After so many years of drought, I welcome the wet and the cold, remembering that many seeds need a time of cold and darkness in order to sprout. The tide turns, the light returns, and the forces of renewal and regeneration awaken. Remember the lessons of dormancy: patience, and the slow wearing away of defenses to release the life within. The seed cannot know what the flower and fruit will be. Follow your instincts to crack open, and let the light enter. Have a blessed Solstice! – Starhawk, December 21, 2015.

We are still in the dark part of the year, but it is worth remembering that the darkness has its uses as well as the light. We need the night in order to renew ourselves each year – and even each night. The dark helps the light to return full fold.

Have a blessed new year. Welcome the return of the sun, even in the darkness.

–Catherine

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THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone thanks local priestess Paulie Rainbow and her assistant Colleen for the rite of release and gratitude they led for Hearthstone in November. They introduced us to the Celtic path and the Irish deities Morrigan and Dagda, and we cast circle hand-to-hand. A bowl of stones was brought around and we each selected one, into which we focused that which we wanted to release as we pass from the old year to the new. A cauldron of water was then carried around the circle, and each person released their stone and its "baggage" into the water. We were then invited to fill the newly emptied spaces within us with gratitude. Each person received a votive candle, a flame was passed from person to person, and we shared what we are grateful for.

Thank you, Paulie, for bringing your gentle, caring style of ritual to share with all of us at Hearthstone! Blessed Be!

–Arynn

HEARTHSTONE RITUALS

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, but to enter with a willing heart and an open mind, and leave your differences at the door.

Some traditions are more controversial than others, or may contain a component that disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss—and hopefully resolve and heal—the issue.

—Alia

ON DONATIONS

Many of our local Pagan organizations run on a shoestring. Your donations do make a difference, and the cost of a movie ticket to one of these organizations from several of their patrons can make the difference between failing and thriving. (Not to mention making the organizers excited and happy that their efforts are of value to you.) If you'd prefer not to donate to Hearthstone, I encourage you to donate something to the organization of your choice. Your donations can make the difference between an organization thriving and folding.

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **We ask that you please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. We will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, and we need your support to continue to serve the community.**

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to *suggest* a donation of 5 to 10 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it, you are still welcome—if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

NOTE: Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

—Alia

BELTANIA

Beltania, a Pagan festival and musicfest, is having it's 9th annual event on May 19-22, 2016 at La Foret Conference and Retreat Center near Colorado Springs. Tickets go on sale January 1 at 8am at www.beltania.org

12th Night 2016 A Yule Concert and Viking Feast

Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM
The Exhibition Halls
Jeffco County Fairgrounds in Golden, CO

***" A delightful concert, a magnificent feast,
an all-around incredible evening... "***

*Celebrate the last night of Yule with
favorite and not-so-traditional Yule carols & songs,
new tunes for the season,
followed by a smorgasbord of delectable delights
and copious amounts of mead, wine, and other beverages.*

[*Click here for the full concert program*](#)

[*Click here for the full feast menu*](#)

Catering by Sweet Lorraine's, Parker, CO

***Meadery of the Rockies
is the official purveyor of mead to 12th Night***



Tickets:

\$49 per person

\$450 for a table of 10

A TAROT MNEMONIC

The following mnemonic (memory aid) is keyed to the pictures of the Rider/Waite/Smith tarot deck, and to the mystic titles assigned to the cards by the Golden Dawn. It consists of a sentence apiece for each of the minor arcana that the Golden Dawn (and several other magical teaching groups) associated with the thirty-six decans of the zodiac (ten-degree segments). Essentially, if one is having difficulties memorizing the meaning of a particular card, the associated sentence is used to prompt one's memory; much like the sentence, "Mary's violet eyes make John sit up nights planning" aids a student in remembering the order of the planets in our solar system (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto).

Wands

Two rulers oversee the creation of dominions.
Three merchants await groundbreaking vessels.
Four celebrating dancers practice perfection.
Five day-traders chaotically compete to build.
Six Caesars parade in justified victory.
Seven outnumbered warriors bravely holdfast.
Eight meteorites swiftly communicate omens.
Nine prisoners survive backstage might.
Ten looters protest selfish oppression.

Cups

Two lovers unify in harmonious mirth.
Three maidens overflow with fortune.
Four yogis mediate on passive endings.
Five mourners stress over treachery.
Six children exchange vain pleasure.
Seven dream poison perception of success.
Eight travelers moan seeking of goals.
Nine bankers brag of sins and conceit.
Ten rainbows rain down lasting pleasure.

Swords

Two hostages sacrifice to restore peace.
Three hearts lament Loki's discord.
Four coffins shelter honored casualties.
Five vultures cowardly slander allies.
Six ferries cross troubled waters.
Seven thieves spy on exhausted combatants.
Eight prisoners impulsively hammer trifles.

Nine nightmares burden with cruel despair.
 Ten murderers plot disruptive ruin.

Pentacles

Two jugglers foolishly gain and lose.
 Three bureaucrats design impossible infrastructure.
 Four misers covet their petty prejudices.
 Five beggars suffer toil and trouble.
 Six patrons distribute alms.
 Seven gardeners slave over miserable barrenness.
 Eight apprentices carve talismans cautiously.
 Nine songbirds sing of sweet increase.
 Ten siblings plot over ancestor's wealth.

Book T titles of the thirty-six decan cards
 (lord/lady of)

<u>Wands</u>	<u>Cups</u>	<u>Swords</u>	<u>Pentacles</u>
2-- Dominion	2-- Love	2-- Peace restored	2-- Harmonious change
3-- Established strength	3-- Abundance	3-- Sorrow	3-- Material works
4-- Perfected work	4-- Blended pleasure	4-- Rest from strife	4-- Earthly power
5-- Strife	5-- Loss in pleasure	5-- Defeat	5-- Material trouble
6-- Victory	6-- Pleasure	6-- Earned success	6-- Material success
7-- Valour	7-- Illusionary success	7-- Unstable effort	7-- Success unfulfilled
8-- Swiftness	8-- Abandoned success	8-- Shortened force	8-- Prudence
9-- Great Strength	9-- Material happiness	9-- Despair & cruelty	9-- Material gain
10-- Oppression	10-- Perpetual success	10-- Ruin	10-- Wealth

The Thirty-Six Minor Arcana assigned to the astrological decans

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| 1--Two of Wands (Mars in Aries) | 19--Two of Swords (Moon in Libra) |
| 2--Three of Wands (Sun in Aries) | 20--Three of Swords (Saturn in Libra) |
| 3--Four of Wands (Venus in Aries) | 21--Four of Swords (Jupiter in Libra) |
| 4--Five of Pentacles (Mercury in Taurus) | 22--Five of Cups (Mars in Scorpio) |
| 5--Six of Pentacles (Moon in Taurus) | 23--Six of Cups (Sun in Scorpio) |
| 6--Seven of Pentacles (Saturn in Taurus) | 24--Seven of Cups (Venus in Scorpio) |
| 7--Eight of Swords (Jupiter in Gemini) | 25--Eight of Wands (Mercury in Sagittarius) |
| 8--Nine Of Swords (Mars in Gemini) | 26--Nine of Wands (Moon in Sagittarius) |
| 9--Ten of Swords (Sun in Gemini) | 27--Ten of Wands (Saturn in Sagittarius) |
| 10--Two of Cups (Venus in Cancer) | 28--Two of Pentacles (Jupiter in Capricorn) |
| 11--Three of Cups (Mercury in Cancer) | 29--Three of Pentacles (Mars in Capricorn) |
| 12--Four of Cups (Moon in Cancer) | 30--Four of Pentacles (Sun in Capricorn) |
| 13--Five of Wands (Saturn in Leo) | 31--Five of Swords (Venus in Aquarius) |
| 14--Six of Wands (Jupiter in Leo) | 32--Six of Swords (Mercury in Aquarius) |
| 15--Seven of Wands (Mars in Leo) | 33--Seven of Swords (Moon in Aquarius) |
| 16--Eight of Pentacles (Sun in Virgo) | 34--Eight of Cups (Saturn in Pisces) |
| 17--Nine of Pentacles (Venus in Virgo) | 35--Nine of Cups (Jupiter in Pisces) |
| 18--Ten of Pentacles (Mercury in Virgo) | 36--Ten of Cups (Mars in Pisces) |

Morgan Drake Eckstein

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery traditions on his blog at: [Musings from the pen: The writer blog of Morgan Drake Eckstein](#); [Gleamings from the Dawn: Thoughts about Golden Dawn from one of its members](#) and [Book Reviews by Morgan: My archive for the book reviews that I have done](#)

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple meets at Full Moon Books and Event Center, at 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood, for New/Dark Moon ritual work. All of our dates are Saturday evenings, and we normally begin our rituals right on the dot at 7:30 PM. Join our Meetup Group for reminders and information about specific rituals: www.meetup.com/EarthTemple. And, check out our Witchvox page for more info about us: http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn_detail/dt_gr.html?a=usco&id=35084

Ritual dates 2016

January 9
February 6
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4
July 2
August 6
September 3
October 1
Oct 22
November 26
December 17

*---Chris, Dara, and Michelle
the Earth Temple steering committee*

WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-521-6620. Catherine's is 303-886-7067. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either Alia or Catherine.

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GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar—Alia has the soul of an English teacher and Catherine is simply a fanatic) please feel

free to submit your writing to fionnula.harp@gmail.com Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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2015 Open Full Moon Dates

December 25—we will not meet, as it would be the 13th OFM of the year and a US holiday.

2016 Open Full Moon Dates

January 22
February 19
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 12
September 16
October 14
November 11